



AGENDA

PHYSICAL ENVIRONMENT OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 17 October 2006

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: Committee Room 11, Level 1, Town Hall

(There will be a private meeting for members at 1.30 pm in Committee Room 3)
(Members are invited on a tour of the Urban Traffic Control Unit and Shudehill Transport Interchange. Members wishing to go should meet at the Town Hall at 9:30)

1. URGENT BUSINESS

To consider any items which the Chair has agreed to have submitted as urgent.

2. APPEALS

To consider any appeals from the public against refusal to allow inspection of background documents and/or the inclusion of items in the confidential part of the agenda.

3. INTERESTS

To allow Members an opportunity to [a] declare any personal or prejudicial interests they might have in any items which appear on this agenda; and [b] record any items from which they are precluded from voting as a result of Council Tax/Council rent arrears [c] the existence and nature of party whipping arrangements in respect of any item to be considered at this meeting.

Members with a personal interest should declare that interest at the start of the item under consideration. If members also have a prejudicial interest they should withdraw from the meeting during the consideration of the item

4. MINUTES

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2006 (enclosed)

ITEMS FOR INVESTIGATION

5. Edge Lane Allotments
The decision of the Executive on 13 September 2006 has been called in by Councillors Bethell, Bhatti, Firth, Grant, Lewis and Shaw, on the following grounds.
This report deserves further scrutiny for a number of reasons including factual errors in the report and out-of-date figures; failure to show that Edge Lane allotments is surplus to requirements; overall reduction in Manchester's allotment provision; failure to publicise Edge Lane vacancies etc. Also officers have not considered a compromise proposal, which would save part of the site – why could not any new development be a mixed one, saving around half of the existing allotment sites, with the property development concentrated towards the canal? Finally we would like a guarantee that every penny received from any sale of this allotment land would be spent on allotment investment.

The report to the Executive and the decision are attached.
6. Radioactive Waste
Presentation from Fred Barker, Chief Executive of the Nuclear Legacy Advisory Forum
7. Student Involvement in the Environment
Verbal report from Peter Fell, Director of Regional Affairs at the University of Manchester
8. Greater Manchester Integrated Transport Strategy
Verbal report from the Head of Transport
9. Travel Change
Report of the Head of Transport
10. Pedestrian Strategy
Report of the Heads of Transport and Engineering
11. Local Transport Plan 1: Executive Summary (For Information)
12. Transplanting Trees on Development Sites
Report of the Head of Planning

INFORMATION ABOUT SCRUTINY COMMITTEES

As part of the process of democratic renewal in Manchester the Council has established six Overview and Scrutiny Committees to investigate major and new policy issues and to review specific areas of service delivery. They also have power to review decisions taken by the Executive Committees that have been 'called-in' to Council by the Chair of a Scrutiny Committee or by five members of the Council. These Committees deal with the following areas of interest -

- Children and Young People
- Community Regeneration
- Finance and General Purposes
- Physical Environment
- Social Strategy
- Health and Well-being

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